



Watercliffe Mead\*W

# The Thursday Celebration

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## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please come along to our Coffee Morning on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 9.15-10.15** in the café to support the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. Any donations of cakes and buns will be greatly appreciated. Please come and join us if you can! This event has been arranged by our Friends of Watercliffe group, we would like to thank them for their continued support.

## Free Dinner Day!

It's free dinner day again on **Thursday 3rd October**. All children can try a hot meal, jacket potato with a range of fillings, or have a pick and mix packed lunch. The best thing is for one day only it won't cost you a penny - we would like every child to have a dinner in school for free!

On this day there will be a choice of:

Hot Dinner	Jacket potato	Pick 'n' Mix
Spaghetti bolognese or Lamb or chickpea curry (V) with rice and naan bread	With a filling of: Cheese or Cottage cheese Baked Beans Tuna Coleslaw	Pasta pots Sandwiches and wraps Mini ploughman's lunch Choice of pudding or fruit/yoghurt
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So if your child usually has a packed lunch from home why not let them try one of our meals for free on this day - all children need to do is let their teacher know on Thursday morning that they are having a school meal.

## Family Meal Night

We are also having Family Meal Night at parents evening on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. All the family will be welcome to come and have a full meal with us for £2 each. The meal on this night will be sausage and mash (or quorn sausage for those who are vegetarian) and a pudding. Please call into the office or café to book and pay for your places for this, as spaces will be limited.

## Learning Around School

This week in **F1** we have been having fun with colour. We used the self-serve paints to create different colours in our paint palettes. We then

painted lovely pictures using the different colours we made.

<https://f1wcm.wordpress.com>

In **F2** we have been learning our numbers to 10 and Ten Town has helped us with this. Look at our wonderful numbers on our blog.

<https://f2wcm.wordpress.com>

In **Y1** we have really enjoyed our Circle Time. After discussions about how we can make our classes amazing, happy places for our children we played a game. The game requires us to pass a hoop around the circle without letting go of each others hands. It was good fun and we helped each other and did it! Don't forget to check out our blog!

<https://t1wcm.wordpress.com>

In **Y2**, Monday afternoons are one of our favourite times as we do circle time. We have been looking at our class charter. We all also have a secret mission. We all have a secret friend that we have to do nice things for over the next week. Next week in circle time we will share who our secret friend is!

<https://y2wcm.wordpress.com>

**Y3s** spent time in the school library this week. They all enjoyed chilling out on the beanbags whilst discovering exciting new books. We will be returning next week and borrowing books to take home. Don't forget you can visit with your family on a Tuesday or Thursday morning from 8.30.

<http://y3wcm.wordpress.com>

Last week **Y4** began our music lessons with Amy Briggs. We loved it! We learnt some songs and some clapping rhythms. This week we will be starting to learn how to play the recorder.

<http://y4wcm.wordpress.com>

In **Y5** science we were observing to see if different solids, such as wood shavings, flour and sugar, would dissolve in water.

We all agreed to use the same amount of cold water. We also agreed to do the same number of stirs and use the same amounts of solids. We were shocked to find that the salt did not dissolve but were able to think of reasons why it had not done so. There are some great photos on our blog!

<https://y5wcm.wordpress.com>

In **Y6** we are really enjoying our science learning. Last week we made periscopes to help us

understand how light travels. This was a tricky task but very interesting. There are some fab photos on our blog, take a look!

<https://newyear6wcm.wordpress.com>

### **Reading at Home!**

Reading at home is really important as studies show that it has an impact on later academic success. Just a reminder that we count any reading at home, not only when your child reads the book they have been given by school. It could be an older child reading to a younger child (both will benefit from that shared time together). It might be when you have read to your child, from a favourite book or from other reading material that you are both interested in. Record any of this in your child's Reading Record Book (Foundation to Year 2) or in the Learning Journals (Year 3 to Year 6). Also remember that we have plenty of books you could borrow to make story time special.

### **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to the families who have already signed up to parents' evening appointments. The dates are: **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October between 3.30 and 5.30pm or Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October between 3.30 and 7.00pm.**

These ten minute progress meetings will be held in your child's classroom where **you and your child can meet with their teacher(s)** to look at and talk about their progress in reading, writing and maths work in particular. Apart from having the chance to meet with your child's teacher(s), you will be able to review how well your child is doing, talk about their learning targets and about how you can support them at home. We will also be able to talk about how positive they are about their learning.

Your child's books will be out in the classroom so that, if you want to, you can spend more time afterwards looking at their learning.

### **Jubilee Food Bank & Harvest**

Thank you for all your donations for the food bank. We will deliver them round to the Community Centre and then they will be distributed to local families in need. If you think you know someone who is in need of a food parcel please call into school and talk to Jayne Senior or Claire Bradley.

### **Library opening times**

Have you visited our school library yet? It is open Tuesday and Thursday from **8:30-8:50**. We want to give families the opportunity to come and help children choose or return books to read at home. We are very lucky to have such a well-stocked library and want our children to make the most of it and get as much enjoyment and pleasure from reading as possible.

### **Recycling Uniform**

If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of, we would really appreciate you donating it to school. We will be selling the uniform every Thursday in the café for 50p per item and proceeds will go to school funds.

### **Applying for a Secondary School Place**

If you have not already done so, then this half term is the time to apply for a place for your child at secondary school for September 2020. You can do this online at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/pupiladmissions](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/pupiladmissions) or by filling in a paper form (you can request one of these by phoning Secondary Admissions on **0114 2735790**). For either application you will need your child's unique reference number, which is on the letter you should have received from Sheffield City Council back in July. For an online application, you will also need a current email address. Applications close at the end of October. You will be informed of your child's allocated place at the beginning of **March 2020**. If you have any questions about this or would like help with making an application then speak to one of the Y6 team.

### **Applying for a Reception School Place**

Applications for a place in Reception September 2020 are now being accepted. If you do not complete a form or apply online you will not be offered a place at a Sheffield school. Places are not "reserved" at your catchment area school. Forms need to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. If you apply late, your application will be considered after all others so you will have less chance of obtaining a place at your preferred school. You are strongly advised to use all three preferences. Selecting a second and third preference does not weaken your first preference, it does however give you a possible fall back position if your first preference is unsuccessful. Do not select the same school twice, it will not increase your chances. If you need any support please call in to see Claire Bradley. Remember if your child is in our Nursery it does not guarantee you a place in school so please make sure you apply on time.

### **Nursery Places**

If you have a child at home who is not yet three years old please make sure you register them for Nursery. Once you have filled in the form just drop it back to school and the Nursery staff will contact you to arrange a home visit, usually within the term of their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

We now offer 30 hours for families that are eligible, please ask in the office for more information.

### **Y2 Whirlow Residential Meeting**

There are a few remaining places for Mrs Wayper's class to go on the Whirlow residential. Please call into the office as soon as you can to secure a place.

### **Cross-Country**

We are so excited about the WCM Cross Country on Saturday. There is a lot of activity behind the scenes to get everything ready and the team have been busy training. Good luck to everyone taking part, we will let you know how everyone gets on.

### **Joke of the Week**

Q. Why can't dinosaurs clap?

A. Because they're all dead!

(As told by Max in Y4)

